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Dear Mr. Buozis:

This letter serves to summarize my comments regarding the "Groundwater Contamination Investigation" dated June 9, 1987 and prepared by Groundwater Management, Inc.

- I. The source of the contamination has not been identified. The "Preliminary Site Investigation" dated July 15, 1985 mentions seven underground tanks which contained solvents and fuel oil. Those tanks were cleaned and closed but the surrounding soil was not documented to be "clean". It remains an open question whether or not a source removal may be necessary.
- II. Monitoring well #2 should be properly closed and a new upgradient well installed. Well construction should be equivalent to those installed by GMI.
- III. The Agency would like documentation as to downgradient groundwater users. Specifically, from the site to the Fox River.
- IV. Based upon data submitted in the June 9, 1987 report (specifically from MW #6), the Agency believes the dolomite aquifer may also be contaminated. Therefore, we believe a downgradient bedrock well is required.
- V. Some remedial measures contemplated by GMI may require water and air permits not currently held by Allsteel Corp. Please be aware that additional permits or permit amendments may be required.
- VI. Remedial measures proposed by GMI need to be submitted in a detailed remedial action plan. However, prior to investing further resources in the development of a interceptor trench please be aware that the Agency is of the opinion that the interception of groundwater needs to extend vertically to the full extent of the contamination.



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VII. Cleanup objectives for the Allsteel site will be developed by the Agency's cleanup Objectives Team (COT)/Coordinated Review of Permit Application (CROPA) committee process. The presentation of site history and applicable analytical data will be made by myself, the Agency Project Manager.

Please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Newman".

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